

### REMARKS

Claims 10-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as not being appropriately directed to statutory subject matter. Claims 14 and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as not being sufficiently definite. Reconsideration of the rejections, and allowance of the pending claims are requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-9 were previously canceled. Claims 10-20 remain pending. Claims 10, 14 and 16-20 have been amended.

With regard to the rejections under Section 101, claim 10 has been amended as suggested in the Office Communication to recite a useful, concrete and tangible result, such as an ability to provide stable operation of the power plant notwithstanding a change in fuel properties. Basis for this amendment may be found at least in paragraphs 5 and 8 of the US patent application publication of the present invention. Accordingly, this basis of rejection should be withdrawn.

With regard to the rejections, under Section 112, second paragraph, each of the issues noted in the Office Communication has been appropriately corrected. Basis for the amendment to claim 20 may be found in paragraph 20 of the US publication. Accordingly, this basis of rejections should also be withdrawn.

### Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that each of the claims pending in this application recites patentable subject matter and it is further submitted that such claims comply with all statutory requirements and thus each of such claims should be allowed.

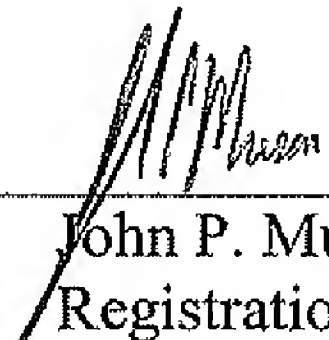
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Respectfully submitted,

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